



FRIDAY EVENING, NOV. 26, 1909.

THE huge mince pie which was to have been an adjunct of the Thanksgiving dinner at the White House and about which so much had appeared in the papers, is to be placed on the festive table of fare, as it failed to materialize. For weeks there have been tales from New York about a giant pie that was to grace the White House festive board yesterday. The pie bakers of New York, it seems, are on a strike, but in a burst of loyalty they decided that the White House should have a mince pie, in spite of the pie famine in the metropolis. So there were reports of the enormous pie that measured six feet across and weighed 50 pounds, and required pounds upon pounds of all kinds of good things and a gallon of brandy to give it the right Thanksgiving flavor. Well, the pie was due Wednesday, but it failed to come. Hips took renewed life yesterday morning and there was a crowd at the White House to cheer it. At 11 o'clock an express wagon drove up amid cheers, for everyone seemed to expect it to deliver a little bit of a parcel that wasn't even as big as a slab of pie, and it departed in dead silence. To the mortified assembly came President Taft, "Are you looking for the pie?" he said. "Well, it's all a fake. There isn't any pie." It appears that the pie vanished while on its way from Newark, N. J., to Washington, and the query, "Who ate the president's pie?" is as hard to answer as the time honored interrogation, "Who struck Billy Patterson?"

ORRA F. HAVILL, editor of Havill's Every Morning, an independent daily newspaper published at Mount Carmel, Ill., is in jail. But he is still editing. The prisoner is permitted to have a table on which to edit his paper, and reporters, sub-editors and copy boys are permitted to visit him at all hours. From the window of his cage he can look directly into the windows of his newspaper, a quarter of a block away, and see whether his employees are working or "soldiering." The above brings to mind an incident in Alexandria's history. Over forty years ago, while the reconstruction cloud was still hovering over our city and many camp followers, adventurers and others were a part of Alexandria's floating population, an ex-editor of the republican persuasion conducted a juke shop here. His business was a secondary matter with him, as his mind ran almost exclusively on politics. He spent much of his time in jail for reasons which we will not unearth now. This man was the brain and pulse of an organization known as "The Second Ward Reddies"—disciples of Bo Wade, Thaddeus Stevens & Co. All the resolutions adopted by the organization were written by the prisoner, and he was the moving spirit in everything conceived and carried out by the menagerie of white, and blacks to which he belonged.

ALTHOUGH the first appropriation for construction of the so-called Emory 12 inch elevating carriage for the ordnance equipment of the army was made in 1893, the board of ordnance and fortification in its annual report, made public Wednesday, states that so far the government has nothing to show for its expenditure except the foundations for the carriage. Additional appropriations have been made since 1893, so that the total available for the carriage is given by the board as \$114,343.02, of which amount \$109,811.51 has been paid the constructor, A. H. Emory. This is but another example of how the public's money is squandered.

ACCORDING to dispatches from the leading cities of this country, Thanksgiving Day was generally observed yesterday by all classes and creeds. The occasion was celebrated in a measure in London, while in some continental cities United States flags were displayed and other tokens in honor of the day were visible. The spirit of Thanksgiving Day knows neither Jew, Greek, barbarian, Scythian, bond or free, as was in evidence yesterday when Catholics, Protestants and Israelites vied in returning thanks to the Giver of all.

THE "American Bird" received a terrible snub yesterday at St. Louis, and, that, too, by inmates of a workhouse. The inmates of the institution by a referendum vote repudiated roast turkey and cranberry sauce and expressed their preference for frankfurters and sauerkraut, accompanied by boiled cabbage and potatoes. It required 250 pounds of sausage to enable the prisoners to celebrate Thanksgiving Day according to their liking.

FARRY TUCKER'S announcement of his gubernatorial candidacy for 1913, says the Petersburg Index Appeal, may be accepted by some voters as a warning that the only way to get rid of Harry is to elect him governor, just as the girl married her suitor to get rid of his importunities. But history does not re-

cord that the girl ever regretted having finally accepted her importunate suitor.

MORE than half a million turkeys were used in celebrating Thanksgiving Day in New York. The high rates at which this bird has been selling seems to have rather increased than diminished its consumption.

## From Washington.

(Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette, Washington, Nov. 26.)

Despite the receipt of dispatches indicating the orderliness of the revolutionary campaign and the lack of dispatches from the vice-consul at Managua, who should have reported several days ago, the State Department continued today to play a waiting game in the Central American crisis. American vessels are now at hand ready to act when called upon. The Tacoma and Marietta have arrived at Port Limon, according to a report received today at the bureau of navigation. The Des Moines is at Greytown, the Vicksburg at Corinto. The New Orleans is held in readiness at Mare Island to sail on a moment's notice. Secretary of the Navy Meyer today reviewed the four hundred marines who are ready to go aboard the Prairie at League Island as soon as the command is given. The State Department, however, made no announcement today either regarding the recognition of the belligerency of the revolution or of any further steps to be taken to ascertain the facts concerning the killing of the two Americans upon which depends the action to be taken. The most serious phase of the situation at present is the continued silence of the American vice-consul at Managua. A reply to Secretary Knox's inquiries should have been received some days ago, but since then there were made no word has been forthcoming from Zelaya's capital. A short message was received at the State Department today from Consul Mossat, at Bluefields, who reported that the revolutionary party had not committed in any way any acts derogatory or hostile to American interests, according to his official or personal knowledge. The steamer Dictator, of the Bluefields Steamship Company, was detained only one day for examination for contraband and for investigation of its cargo. The Dictator will sail for New Orleans next Saturday. The department has also received another message from General Estrada which contains the information that Emilio Espinosa has given up the office of minister general of the revolutionary government and that the affairs of that office are now in the hands of under-secretary Mariera.

Secretary of the Interior Ballinger today announced that the president has selected Judge Leander S. Billwell, of Erie, Kansas, to be deputy commissioner of Pensions, vice J. L. Davenport who was promoted to be commissioner of pensions. Judge Billwell served in Company D, 61st Illinois, as a private, during the civil war. He served as the District Bench in Kansas for twenty-five years without opposition.

"Speaker Cannon is stronger with the thinking people of the country today than he has ever been." This was R. P. representative Buttell's estimate of the speaker's chances for reelection. "I know of two men who would give their right hands to blot out the things they said in 1864 of Abraham Lincoln," said Mr. Buttell. "In the future there will be a lot of men who will feel the same way after the things they said against Speaker Cannon." Buttell said he expected the coming session to accomplish a lot of work in rounding out important government legislation. He called at the White House to pay his respects to the president.

According to a statement issued by the Department of Commerce and Labor today, more than 60 million dollars' worth of merchandise from America was carried by rail across the Isthmus of Panama and Tehuantepec in the fiscal year of 1909 and the calendar year of 1909 will probably see the total over 75 million worth. Of more than 52 million dollars worth of merchandise which moved by the Tehuantepec route, 24 millions moved from the Pacific end and 27 million dollars worth from the Atlantic end; of the merchandise that was received at the Pacific terminus of the road, more than 18 million dollars' worth was sugar from Hawaii and the rest was largely general merchandise from San Francisco.

The Chinese railway loan, in which the United States was to share with Great Britain, France and Germany, will be made within a few days unless further hitches occur, according to a semi-official statement made at the State Department. Germany and Great Britain have agreed to bury their differences for the present on the ground that further disagreements may endanger the loan itself and the way is now clear for closing the negotiations with the Imperial government at Peking.

Two hours and three quarters was the duration of today's Cabinet session. Most of the time, it is stated, was devoted to discussion of matters to be covered in the president's forthcoming annual message to Congress. President Taft has not yet prepared a rough draft of the message, and he does not expect to write it until next week.

In this connection, it is recalled that President Roosevelt's last annual message was in type and advance copies of it were on their way to foreign countries one month before Congress convened.

The recall of Ambassador Bryce has not in any way been confirmed by official information received in Washington, although it is generally believed that he will soon be retired as he is well beyond the age of limit. No intimation has been received either at the embassy or at the State Department, Mr. Maurice de Bunsen, who is spoken of as the probable successor to Ambassador Bryce, has already served in Washington as an attaché of the British embassy earlier in his career.

Probable Murder and Suicide

Bochester, N. Y., Nov. 26.—Miss Margaret Smith, a milliner, and her sister, Mrs. Minnie Wright, were found dead in their room today. It is considered possible that it is a case of murder and suicide. Mrs. Wright having several times been confined in an insane asylum and the police are investigating along this line.

To go to Central America.

Philadelphia, Nov. 25.—With the marine band of Washington playing martial airs, and in the presence of distinguished officers, a battalion of 5,000 marines from the barracks at the Philadelphia navy yard will board the transport Prairie this afternoon and steam away to see Central American point near enough to Nicaragua to punish President Zelaya for the assassination of two Americans.

## News of the Day.

In the debate last night in the House of Lords on the British budget Lord Balfour warned the peers that they were walking into a trap set by their opponents.

The shafts of the mine at Cherry, Ill., were sealed as a last resort to put out the fire that is raging within, and preventing the recovery of the miners now missing.

Admiral De La Peyroere, French minister of marine, is said to have recommended the construction in 1910 of an improved Dreadnought of 23,000 tons and a speed of 21 knots, and the building of two battleships annually until the number shall total 19. Of these six will be of the Dreadnought type.

Another chapter in the North Pole controversy was begun yesterday with the departure of the data and reports which Dr. Frederick A. Cook compiled in the Arctic for Denmark, where they will be submitted to the University of Copenhagen as proof of Dr. Cook's assertion that he reached the North Pole April 21, 1908.

Miss Pansy Dent, 28 years old, employed as a salesgirl in a Washington department store, swallowed crocodite with apparent suicidal intent Wednesday because of the partial loss of her sight, and is in a critical condition at the Emergency Hospital. She recently lost her sight through illness, but the use of her eyes had been partially restored and two days ago she returned to work. Finding she could not properly do her work, she went home and told her mother that without sight life was not worth living.

Tony Patrillo, 11 years old, died last night at Casualty Hospital, Washington, as the result of injuries received when he endeavored to jump on an automobile truck owned by Chapin, Saks & Co. The little fellow ran behind the truck as it was passing North Capitol street and Massachusetts avenue, and when he attempted to catch on behind his left leg got caught in the brake chain and was torn from his body above the knee. He was hurried to Casualty Hospital, where an immediate operation failed to save his life.

Mrs. Jeannette Ford, the woman in the Charles L. Warriner embezzlement case, was secretly indicted by the Cincinnati grand jury this afternoon on a charge of receiving stolen goods.

"Socialism is spreading in England as never before," declared Senator William A. Clark, who returned today from a European tour.

## THE WEST VIRGINIA DEBT.

Another date has been set for the conclusion of the final hearing of the state debt litigation before Special Master Charles E. Littlefield, in New York. The attorneys in the case met in Mr. Littlefield's office Monday, when it was learned that the condition of ex-Secretary of the Treasury John G. Carlisle, leading counsel for West Virginia, was much improved, and that his recovery is now hoped for. The recent argument of the case was not concluded because of the sudden illness of Mr. Carlisle. So much better was the distinguished attorney that the special master was given assurance that by the end of December he would be able to make the final argument for West Virginia. Thereupon the date of December 28 was agreed upon, with the distinct understanding that the case will proceed then, whether Mr. Carlisle is present or not. At the conclusion of the speech of Mr. Carlisle or his substitute, Randolph Harrison will close the argument for Virginia. Counsel for Virginia present Monday were Attorney-General William A. Anderson and Randolph Harrison; for West Virginia, Attorney-General Conley and ex-Senator John O. Spooner, of Wisconsin. The attorneys for West Virginia urged a postponement until January 2, while the Virginia lawyers insisted upon an earlier date. [Richmond Times Dispatch.]

## GAGE'S UNIQUE HONEYMOON.

The marriage of ex-Secretary of the Treasury Lyman J. Gage, to Mrs. Frances Ada Billou took place at 8 o'clock yesterday evening at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George M. Ballou, on Coronado Island, Cal. Only the bride's parents, her chaperon, Miss Helen Richards, a well-known local singer and artist, and Colonel Wesley Brainerd, U. S. A., retired, brother-in-law of Gage, were present at the wedding.

After supper Mr. and Mrs. Gage left at midnight for Denver. They will visit New York and Washington, where Jewish entertainments have been planned for them.

Her friends acknowledge that the new Mrs. Gage will be a great social success, as she has all the qualities to supplement the splendid station that her husband's former position as a Cabinet officer will give her. Tall, stately and graceful, of unusual face and coloring, a talented musician and linguist and a wide reader, a splendid horsewoman—her magnificent Kentucky thoroughbred, Pastel, belong one of the finest animals in the southwest—and most important of all, having an alluring personality, Mrs. Gage may be expected to create a sensation.

## VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE.

The management of this institution will repeat at the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, the winter courses for practical farmers, covering in one month the new things in agriculture, giving modern methods in dairy processes, corn breeding, protection from pests, storing silage, etc. There have been added a number of important improvements, such as a new creamery, new dairy barn, horse barn, etc., and expect to give a greatly improved course.

Believing that ministers of the gospel living in the country can be made a most forceful means of stimulating agricultural progress, they are cordially invited to come.

## WARNING FARMERS.

Since a decision of the Court of Appeals last week, in which a farmer lost his insurance by failure to carry out the state regulations by not keeping his insurance papers in an iron or other fire-proof safe or in an outbuilding, separate from the insured building, Colonel Joseph Butten has sent out notices broadcast cautioning others to keep the decision in mind and to properly protect themselves by observing the law. Commissioner of Insurance Butten also says that the notice of such law has been sent out before and that failure to comply is not due to negligence on the state.

## New Canon Law.

London, Nov. 26.—The Globe's correspondent at Rome says that Pope Pius has issued instructions that a new canon law be published before Easter of 1910. It is understood that the new law will embody most important modifications in the ancient Catholic law regarding marriage.

## Virginia News.

Dr. James W. Robertson, well-known Canadian educator, addressed a large educational meeting in Richmond, yesterday.

W. Fred Gilcock, 27 years of age, was found dead in his room yesterday by Mrs. Mary O'Connell, of north Ninth street, Richmond, with whom he boarded. Death was due to asphyxiation.

A large force of men is engaged in developing a soapstone quarry near Verdierville, in Orange county. Government experts have examined it and pronounced it of superior quality.

The Rev. S. Rogers Tyler, of Hamilton, Loudoun county, has just accepted a call to St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Richmond, to succeed Rev. T. O. Darst as rector, the latter having gone to a Newport News church.

Mr. Robert T. Palmer, aged 56, a wealthy farmer, who lived several miles north of Woodstock, dropped dead yesterday. A strange dog went into his yard and began to fight Mr. Palmer's dog. When he went to part the dogs he sank to the ground dead.

Cadet Fred Webster, center on the football team of the Virginia Military Institute, was so seriously injured in the annual game with Davidson College, of North Carolina, in Lynchburg, yesterday, that he lay in a stupor for six hours. Following the first examination of the young man's injuries by three physicians, it was feared Webster was suffering from concussion of the brain. At 10:30 o'clock last night he regained consciousness, and today it is believed that he will recover.

Advocacy of a state college for women in a carefully prepared argument presented by State Senator Aubrey E. Storde, and direct opposition to this project on the part of Dr. Charles W. Kent of the University of Virginia, were absorbing features at the meeting last night of the Virginia Educational Conference in session in Richmond. Between the two speakers, Professor J. S. Wilson, of William and Mary College, spoke on "Ethetics in Education." His scholarly address was given earnest attention and well deserved applause.

At the morning session of the State Teachers' Association in Richmond, yesterday, an interesting programme was carried out. Chairman Joseph H. Saunders, of the committee on proposed legislation, stated that the committee was in favor of the payment by the state of any increase which might be in the future entailed upon the teachers by reason of their support of the pension fund. It was unfair, he urged, that teachers already poorly paid should have to take any more expense in that way. G. W. Zachary, of Alexandria county, was elected president of the association. E. G. Tankard, of Southampton, secretary, and J. R. Murton, of Prince Edward, treasurer.

Abbie Hewitt, of Richmond, took poison with suicidal intent early yesterday morning, leaving a note for her husband, who was away at the time. Hewitt cannot account for the deed of his wife who, he says, apparently was in good humor when he left home early in the evening to attend a moving picture show, and that she appeared to be happy during the two months of their married life. Her suicidal intent is indicated in the following note, which she left on a table in the room: "What I have taken is a deadly poison. Do not send for a doctor. If I am dead when found, telegraph brother at once. If I have taken enough you will find me dead. God forgive me." It was thought she was insane.

## FIVE KILLED IN COLLISION.

Nicholas Jacobs, a real estate dealer; his two daughters, and his two sons are dead, and Mrs. Jacobs and her two month-old baby are dying as the result of a collision last night between an automobile they were riding in and a trolley car on the Los Angeles and Santa Ana, Cal., line, 6 miles from Los Angeles.

Two other sons of Jacobs, Peter and John, and Miss Josephine Soler, 19 years old, jumped from the automobile and escaped with slight injuries. While an electric bar in which the injured persons and the bodies of those killed had been placed was coming to Los Angeles it ran into a car on the Central avenue line at Seventh and Central avenues, in Los Angeles, and eight other persons were injured, some seriously.

The Jacobs family was returning home after spending Thanksgiving Day with friends of Watts. Their automobile was driven on the track directly in front of a swiftly moving car. The car hurled the automobile 40 feet. The occupants were thrown to the road, and Jacobs, with his four children, Anthony, 6 years old, Clement, 4 years old, Kate and Mamie, each 18 years old, were dead when passengers on the car reached them.

Mrs. Jacobs, who held the baby in her arms, was thrown 50 feet. She may die, while the baby, crushed under its mother's body, is believed to be fatally hurt. None of those injured in the second accident is likely to die.

## FIVE PERSONS DROWNED.

Five persons were drowned in Muskegon Lake, Mich., yesterday afternoon, when the pleasure launch Olga, carrying a party of nine young people, capsized, as the result of a panic following a gasoline explosion. Four of those who lost their lives were members of one family.

The party started out to attend a wedding on the north side of the lake and decided to take a short cruise before going to the festivities. They encircled the lake, and were within 150 feet of the north landing when in some manner some gasoline exploded. The girls became panic-stricken, thinking that the boat would catch fire. Nelson who is the owner of the boat says that was no danger as the fire was nowhere near the tank. Nevertheless, they all rushed to the stern of the boat, which was only about 15 feet long, causing it to capsize. Four of the young people succeeded in climbing on the upturned boat and hung on until rescued. The others sank at once.

## The Eruption of Mount Salora.

Madrid, Nov. 26.—Dispatches from Tenerife today say that the flow of lava from the eruptive Mount La Salora is so slow that the people living in the vicinity are sleeping in safety. Within a week the lava, if it continues its present flow, will have engulfed the town of Santiago, which is now depopulated.

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## Today's Telegraphic News

The Mystery of the White House Pie. New York, Nov. 26.—"The mystery of the White House pie," or "Who swiped the president's mince-meat?" is the title of a thrilling drama of real life that is today engaging the best union labor detective talent of Washington and Newark, N. J. Mince pie, the bake-shop kind, has always been a subject of deepest mystery, but that which surrounds the Newark creation, which was intended as the piece de resistance of the president's Thanksgiving dinner, is the deepest yet encountered.

All that is known positively is that the Newark bakers' union baked the pie and insists that it started it to Washington Tuesday morning in custody of a committee of three tried and trusted members of the union. Thereafter the whole affair is cloaked in uncertainty and there are hints that the denouement will cause a "terrible upheaval."

So far there has been no word from the committee that accompanied the pie. Their silence is considered strange and ominous. One report has it that the three men, unable to resist temptation, broke into the pie and rifled it of its precious contents. A search of the hospitals and morgues along the line of journey has revealed nothing to substantiate this theory.

Another theory is that a deputation from the Weary Willie Union, No. 1, boarded the train bearing the pie, drugged the keepers and made off with the prize. This report, however, is based on nothing more tangible than that a tramp was found asleep by the Pennsylvania tracks with crumbs of pie crust in his whiskers.

The only other theory tenable is that the White House sleuths upon which devolved the duty of preserving the president's physical quantity made way with the pie. They are accused of sawing it into pound sections and of feeding Washington's poor with it.

The real solution of the mystery is momentarily expected for the authorities do not see how it is possible for a fly-pounded pie to make such a complete getaway without someone being in on the game.

## The War in Nicaragua.

Colon, Panama, Nov. 26.—News of a decisive battle between the insurgent forces of General Estrada, the provisional president of Nicaragua, and President Zelaya, either in or near Managua, the capital of Nicaragua, is momentarily expected. Today's dispatches from Nicaragua say that the revolutionists are closing in on the capital and are ready to strike the hardest blow yet delivered.

The revolutionists are well supplied with arms and ammunition, shipped to them by American agents, while the condition of Zelaya's forces as regards munitions of war is said to be desperate.

The prospect of American intervention and the exaction of a heavy penalty from Zelaya for the killing of Cannon and Groce, the Americans, has greatly aided the insurgent cause and accounts for the move against Managua. If the insurgents can capture the capital they believe that the American government will immediately recognize the virtual overthrow of Zelaya and Estrada's assumption of power.

Scores of Americans are declared to be fighting with the insurgents, many of them the victims of Zelaya's maladministration and others merely soldiers of fortune. The galling gains included in the new equipment sent the revolutionists are being manned by Americans.

## Excitement in London.

London, Nov. 26.—Lord Lansdowne and other leaders of the House of Lords conservatives are today pondering thoughtfully on their decision to reject the Lloyd-George budget. The speeches of Lord Rosebery and Lord Balfour, coupled with last night's demonstration in Parliament Square, are admitted to have damaged the chances of the conservative cause in a general election, and the lords are hesitating, but the best indications today are that Lord Lansdowne's motion to refer the bill to the people will go to a division and be carried.

Last night's demonstration before the Parliament building was one of the greatest popular outbreaks London ever saw. Thousands gathered before the chamber of the House of Lords cheering Chancellor of the Exchequer Lloyd-George, and singing a rousing political song with the final line "God Save the Land for the People." Fifteen hundred police were unable to control the crowd, and they were finally forced to clear Parliament square. Several incipient riots and many arrests resulted but no general outbreak occurred.

## Death Under Suspicious Circumstances.

Philadelphia, Nov. 26.—The pitiful romance of a beautiful young woman who came here to better her position, only to die under alleged suspicious circumstances after she had struggled for a month to secure work, was bare today when Dr. J. M. Lewis reported her death to the coroner.

Coroner's detectives are making a searching investigation into the circumstances preceding and attending her death, and hint that they may make an important arrest before nightfall. A young man, said to be a member of a wealthy family, is alleged to have been with the young woman up to a late hour last night, when she was stricken with the fatal illness.

The unfortunate woman's name is Miss Rae Boyd, and made her home at the Vendome apartments. She told a few that her former home was in Trenton, N. J., and that she lived there with her father, Charles Boyd, on Emory street.

Most of the residents of the winter colony, made up largely of invalids, have left the island. The winter colony was one of the largest sources of revenue and its loss will seriously cripple the island.

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## The Southern States and South America.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 26.—There is one man who believes absolutely in the close business relation that ought to exist between the southern states and the South American republics, and that man is Hon. John Barrett, director of the international bureau of American republics. He knows his subject well, for he was a plenipotentiary to the international conference of American republics at Mexico City, 1901-02, commissioner-general of foreign affairs at Louisiana purchase exposition, 1902-03; American Minister to Argentina 1903-04; to Panama, 1904-05; to Columbia, 1905-06. Since then he has been director of the international bureau of American republics.

Mr. Barrett will address the southern commercial congress in Washington December 6th and 7th on "Opportunity for southern trade in the South American republics." Associated with his speech and delivered in the same session will be an inspiring statement regarding the ports of the south and their extraordinary prospects; elected by both South American and Pacific trade through the influences of the Panama canal.

Immediately following the speech on ports will come, in the same session, the speech of John L. Mathews, secretary of the Mississippi Valley Transportation Company on "The Commercial Possibilities of Shallow Streams."

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The speech on streams will show each inland city, on a navigable stream, how to use advantages that will make South Atlantic and Gulf ports leap still further forward than in the decade 1898-1908.

Charges Against the Sugar Trust. Cleveland, Ohio, Nov. 26.—A Washington dispatch to the Cleveland Press today says:

The Mormon Church and the sugar trust have been for several years in partnership and they together control 85 per cent of the beet sugar industry in the United States. These facts will be proved by an investigation to be made by Congress during the coming winter, by the production of the minutes of the sugar trust's directors' meetings covering a period of seven years.

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The investigation will show Mr. Aldrich has acted as representative of the sugar trust in the United States Senate. It will show that no new beet sugar factories have been started during the past five years, except upon the approval of the sugar trust.

It will show the connection of various prominent financiers and politicians with the criminal operations by which the customs service has been cheated, secret rebates secured, competition suppressed and the anti-trust law violated. It will show what was done by the sugar trust in a vain effort to head off the investigation started by President Roosevelt when he appointed Special Agent Parr and by Collector Loebe.

It will show conclusively that Aldrich has been the political sponsor, as well as the business partner, of the sugar trust for years.

Attempted Suicide. Philadelphia, Nov. 26.—After carrying a bullet in his stomach for two weeks, said to have been received in an attempt at suicide in a freight car at Wilmington, Del., William Regan, of Syracuse, N. Y., today lies in a serious condition at St. Joseph's Hospital following an operation during which the bullet was removed from the intestines. Regan collapsed on the street here, after Regan had shot himself in Wilmington. He was taken to the Homeopathic Hospital there, but becoming unwell was removed to the police station and examined as to his sanity. Pronounced sane, he was sent to the New Castle County Hospital. He made his escape from the latter institution and came here to visit a sister when stricken.

Will Fight the Federation. Lead, South Dakota, Nov. 26.—By closing down its entire works without waiting for the threatened strike, the Homestead Mining Company has again shown its determination to win the fight into which it has entered with the Western Federation of Miners. Several scores of deputies, picked from among the employees have been appointed by the sheriff and the company to guard against any emergency but no violence is expected as the crowd has been perfectly orderly ever since the labor troubles began. This shut-down also includes all the outside properties of the Homestead, such as the pump station at Haona, the works at Femo, all the timber contracts with the government and a million and a half dollar plant being constructed in Spearfish Canyon.

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The speech on ports will criticize as well as praise. It will summon the leaders of the south of vigilance in order that natural advantages may not be nullified by keen-witted legislation directly aimed against southern leadership.

The speech on streams will show each inland city, on a navigable stream, how to use advantages that will make South Atlantic and Gulf ports leap still further forward than in the decade 1898-1908.